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Requirements on North Vietnam

A. The most important cement plant in SE Asia is located at Haiphong near Hanoi. Under French ownership the production of this plant was between 250,000 and 300,000 metric tons per year.

- 1) What is the current cement production of the Haiphong plant?
- 1a) What is its present capacity?
- 2) How many kilns are in operation?
- 3) How much cement is exported? To whom?
- 4) Is there an expansion of the plant in progress or contemplated? If so, how extensive is the expansion?

B. The Hanoi-Nam Quan railroad was to be widened from meter gauge to a standard gauge during 1956.

- 1) Has work on widening of this line begun? If so, how much progress has been made?
- 2) Have difficulties been encountered in obtaining supplies of construction materials? Where is most of the supply of construction materials originating?
- 3) Are Chinese technicians and/or laborers working on this rail line? Are there technicians from any other Bloc countries working on this line?

C. The railroad from Hanoi south to the 17th Parallel is in operation to Nam Dinh. South of Nam Dinh construction progress has been slowed.

- 1) How many kilometers have been rehabilitated south of Nam Dinh to Thanh Hoa?

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- 2) Have any sections been rehabilitated between Thanh Hoa and the 17th Parallel?
- 3) How many kilometers of this rail line is actually in operation?
- 4) Where is most of the supply of construction materials originating? Are Chinese technicians or technicians from any other Bloc countries working on this line?

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